GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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LACK OF STORAGE SPACE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the last rabi crop a large quantity of procured wheat was left lying in the open due to lack of adequate storage capacity in various States particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the Government has made adequate arrangements for the proper storage of wheat after the ensuing rabi crop; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): As on 31.5.2004, only 15.15 lakh MTs of foodgrains were stored by the FCI under Covered and Plinth (CAP) storage against 148.49 lakh MTs under covered storage. In Maharashtra, no wheat stock was procured by the FCI during the last Rabi marketing season.

(b) & (c): As on 1-2-2005, FCI has a total storage capacity of 259.95 lakh MTs (covered and CAP) with a vacant space of 133.96 lakh MTs all over the country, which is sufficient to meet the storage requirement of wheat to be procured in the ensuing Rabi marketing season. In Maharashtra State, the FCI has 8.67 lakh MTs vacant space (7.41 lakh MTs covered and 1.26 lakh MTs CAP (Open), which is adequate to meet the storage requirement of foodgrain stocks.